

Ranger Programs



Badlands National Park is in the Mountain Time Zone. Programs are presented at several locations throughout the park. These locations are identified in the park newspaper and park brochure. You can also find them by watching for white signs announcing programs along the Loop Road.



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These programs run from Sunday, May 28 through Saturday, September 8, 2012

Geology Walk

8:30 a.m. Daily

Explore the geologic story of the White River Badlands on this 45 minute walk. Meet at the Door Trailhead located at the far north end of the Door/Window parking area 2 miles south of the Northeast Entrance Station on the Badlands Loop Road. Wear a hat and closed-toe shoes. Terrain is varied.



Fossil Talk

10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. Daily

Explore what fossils can tell us about the story of ancient life in the Badlands and why they should be protected at this 15 - 20 minute talk. Meet at the Fossil Exhibit Trail, 5 miles northwest of the park headquarters/visitor center on the Badlands Loop Road.

Junior Ranger Program

10:30 a.m. Daily through August 18, 2012

Calling all visitors between 7 and 12 years of age! Meet at the Ben Reifel Visitor Center for a 45 minute adventure into an aspect of the Badlands. Wear closed-toe shoes and a hat. It may be a walk, a game, or another activity. Attendees will be awarded a Junior Ranger badge and patch. Parents are also welcome!



Sun Fun

Fri. - Mon. 3:00 p.m.

Participate in solar activities and view the sun through a solar telescope. Meet in front of the Ben Reifel Visitor Center. Wear sunscreen and a hat.

Ranger's Choice

5:00 p.m. Daily through August 18, 2012

Join a park ranger for a program of their choice which could consist of a walk, talk, or activity. Meet at the Ben Reifel Visitor Center for an exploration of life in the Badlands. Wear closed-toe shoes and bring a hat and water.



Evening Program

Daily (Program start times are listed below.)

Join a park ranger for a 45 minute presentation at the Cedar Pass Campground Amphitheater. A weekly listing of program topics is available at the Ben Reifel Visitor Center, Cedar Pass Lodge and at the Cedar Pass Campground kiosk. Program will start when the sky is dark!



Night Sky Viewing

Fri. - Mon. (after the conclusion of the Evening Program)

View the spectacular night sky through large telescopes or bring your own binoculars. The ranger will help you to locate and identify constellations, stars, and planets. Program will start after the Evening

Night Sky & Evening Program start times:

May, June, July 9:00 p.m.

August 8:30 p.m.

September 8:00 p.m.